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Decision 22185-D01-2016

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Mark Toms
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Pipeline Split and Removals Near Edmonton
Licences 2594 and 13309
Proceeding 22185
Applications 22185-A001 and 22185-A002

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 22185-A001 and 22185-A002, registered on November 18, 2016, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following near Edmonton.

Pertaining to Licence 2594:

- splitting of line 134 into lines 134 and 314
- removal of line 134
- ‘To Location’ facility code amendment of original line 134 (new line 314) from BE, blind end, to RS, regulating station
- line 314 is to be abandoned in place and then recorded as abandoned under a subsequent application

Pertaining to Licence 13309:

- removal of line 1

2. ATCO proposed to split line 134 into lines 134 and 314 and remove line 134 of Licence 2594; and also to remove line 1 of Licence 13309 in order to accommodate the abandonment of 1.08 kilometres of the 60.3-millimetre Sturgeon Estate Lateral Pipeline, line 314, currently supplying Flynn Estates Gate Station and Manor Estates Gate Station from the Tidewater Carbondale Pipeline. ATCO would also remove related surface equipment which is no longer in use at Flynn Estates Gate Station and Manor Estates Gate Station.

3. ATCO stated that the need for this project originated because ATCO Gas has shifted all of the demand from the Sturgeon Estates Lateral Pipeline and the associated ATCO Gas

interconnections to Manor Estates Gate Station and Flynn Estates Gate Station following the completion of a distribution system restructuring in September 2015. Therefore, these high-pressure gas pipelines and associated facilities are no longer required. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$200,000. The Commission accepts ATCO's explanation that these pipelines are no longer required.

4. ATCO stated that it would reclaim the right-of-way to pre-disturbance conditions after the removal of the pipelines. Any liquids, if present, would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal and abandonment activities. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the proposed activities.

5. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resources impact assessment since the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Tourism's listing of historical resources.

6. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

8. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

9. The Commission approves the application. The amended licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments